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Lebanon

Kidnapped Ministers — Three government ministers, abducted by Druze forces while on a peace mission in the Ash-Shuf Mountains, were released 11 August, the Voice of Lebanon radio announced. A Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) statement issued in Damascus listed several conditions for their release, including the resignation of the entire government and a declaration that the Lebanese Army will not enter the Ash-Shuf Mountains before an agreement with the PSP is reached, Radio Monte Carlo reported.

In an earlier comment on the kidnapping, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan confirmed the government's determination that the Army will be the country's only military force, Beirut radio noted. "All armed manifestations" will be abolished, he asserted.

Military Situation — A cease-fire brought about by Israeli pressure and involving all sides in the clashes that have been raging in the Ash-Shuf Mountains and near Beirut has been arranged, the Voice of Lebanon announced. Lebanese Army and Druze forces have been fighting since early 10 August when Druze forces attacked an Army position near Kafr Matta. Syrian forces also shelled Lebanese Army positions 11 August, the radio stated. An IDF spokesman cited by Jerusalem radio accused Druze of taking advantage of shelling the Lebanese Army 10 August to fire on IDF positions. Shelling and sniper fire continued to disrupt Beirut Airport operations and activity around Beirut 10-11 August, according to Beirut and Voice of Lebanon radios.

KUNA reported that Major Sa'd Haddad was attacked by a Lebanese resistance group 5 August and is now in a Haifa hospital. Monitored Lebanese and Israeli radios and the Voice of Hope radio have not been observed to report the incident.

Political Developments — Phalangist Party leader Pierre al-Jumayyil called the security situation "intolerable" and stated, according to the Voice of Lebanon: "Let there be war and let the stronger win." Meanwhile, National Salvation Front leaders met with Syrian and PLO officials in Damascus in an effort to resolve the Fatah dispute, Radio Monte Carlo announced. The front stated that dissident leader Colonel Nimr Salih and PFLP-General Command Secretary General Ahmad Jabril support a dialogue with Fatah to end the dispute.

Israel

If Lebanon decided to suspend the political section of the joint agreement, the entire agreement could be canceled, Jerusalem political sources cited by *Ma'ariv* stated. Israel regards the political arrangements as an integral part of the security section, the sources asserted.

PLO Affairs

A PLO Supreme Military Council meeting in the YAR chaired by PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat formed a military committee to supervise and observe the cease-fire in the Al-Biqa' and to report any violations by the Fatah disputants, according to the North Lebanon Voice of Palestine radio. Meanwhile, a Fatah dissident delegation including Col Nimr Salih left for the PDRY at the invitation of President 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, SANA reported.

Libya-Chad

Two Libyan armored columns supported by fighter planes and helicopters attacked Faya-Largeau, a Chad Embassy official in Paris stated according to AFP. However, a spokesman for the National Union Government of Chad denied the presence of Libyan troops, asserting in remarks broadcast by Paris radio that Libya had only supplied military equipment.

A spokesman announced that the forces led by former President Goukouni Oueddei had recaptured Faya-Largeau and "wiped out" the Chadian Government troops, Tripoli radio stated. This was denied by a Chadian official cited by AFP, who claimed that government forces had "contained" an attack by two Libyan columns in Faya-Largeau and were chasing the opposing troops.

The Libyan forces had also attacked Oum Chalouba southeast of Faya-Largeau but had been beaten back, the official stated. AFP later reported that government troops had evacuated Faya-Largeau after the Libyan assault, despite several successful counterattacks.

Meanwhile, French paratroopers and military communications specialists began to arrive in Chad as part of a training operation, AFP reported. JANA claimed Israel also has sent "experts" to help the Chadian Government forces.

A commentary broadcast by Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio assailed Chad's neighbors for allowing the U.S. military to use their territory, calling it a "flagrant act of intervention."

In a separate development, a diplomatic source cited by KUNA claimed that the visit of Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi to Tunis was postponed because of the tension caused by the U.S. military presence in the Gulf of Sidra and the U.S. overflights of Libyan territory.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iranian forces continued to consolidate and strengthen their positions in the Hajj 'Umran area after "crushing" an Iraqi

offensive, a military communique and a related broadcast by Tehran radio asserted. Artillery fire inflicted heavy casualties on the opposing forces in the area and on the Chuman Garrison inside Iraq, the communique added. An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio claimed Air Force fighters pounded Iranian forces in the Hajj 'Umran sector after an unsuccessful Iranian offensive was repulsed. In the central sector, Iran claimed domination over the entire region and inflicted "considerable losses" on the "fleeing" Iraqi units, according to the Iranian communique. The Iraqi communique, on the other hand, stated that units struck enemy positions in the Mehran area, killing five and wounding many.

Meanwhile, the Iranian war propaganda headquarters invited foreign journalists to visit the Mehran sector to expose Iraq's "false propaganda maneuver" to hide the Iraqi defeat, Tehran radio announced.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz told Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe that Iraq is willing to stop the war and is considering a proposal to establish a "development fund" to pay damages to Iran, KYODO reported. Also, Iraqi oil Minister Qasim Ahmad Taqi told KUNA that Iraq has renewed its offer to Iran to suspend military operations around the leaking Nowruz oil wells.

In a press conference reported by Voice of the Masses radio, Foreign Minister 'Aziz referred to the continued Iranian shelling of residential areas but added that Iraqi forces have refrained from shelling civilian targets in Iran. However, IRNA asserted that Iraqi planes had bombed residential areas in Gilan-e Gharb and had strafed civilian sectors.

Iran

The Armenian "Orly Group" claimed responsibility for a car-bomb explosion outside the French Embassy, AFP reported. No casualties were reported.

Afghanistan

Afghan rebels destroyed 6 Soviet planes and 7 helicopters, according to Tehran radio's Arabic service. Meanwhile, IRNA cited disputes between Khalq and Parcham party members as the cause of clashes between a special armored unit and loyal government forces in Herat a month ago.

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PRC Minister's Visits to Pakistan, Thailand Scored

LD100610 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0424 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] Kabul, August 9, BAKHTAR — The Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian's visits to Pakistan and Thailand have revealed most clearly the reactionary nature of the Beijing ruling circles and the dirty US-Sino collusion against the national independence movement in Asia, writes *Kabul New Times*.

During the past years, the newspaper goes on, the Chinese reactionaries have been frenziedly and prolongedly opposing the wonderful revival of the peoples of Afghanistan and Kampuchea, using the territories of Pakistan and Thailand as their headquarters of "resistance". It's easy to understand why in this time Mr. Wu is hurriedly going to Islamabad and Bangkok!

Broad public opinion in southwestern Asia has seen more clearly the collusion between Washington and Beijing in using Pakistani territory as a place for nurturing, training and controlling the Afghan counterrevolutionary bandits to carry out subversion against the DRA.

The newspaper reminds that recently, the DRA Government has shown its goodwill by putting forward peace proposals dated May 14, 1980 and August 24, 1981 and by cooperation with the UN general secretary in holding talks with Pakistan and other neighbouring countries for a solution of the situation around Afghanistan to ensure peace and security in the region. The Soviet Union has also shown the readiness to withdraw her limited contingents from Afghanistan once there is no more the armed interference from outside into the internal affairs of the DRA.

The Soviet Union's and the DRA's good will have been warmly welcomed by public opinion.

In this connection, Mr. Wu hurriedly came to Pakistan to use the Chinese old tricks of distorting the situation in Afghanistan, slandering the Soviet Union and fanning the flame in order to sabotage the dialogues between the regional countries, prevent a correct solution of the situation around afghanistan.

The visits made by U.S. State Secretary G. Shultz and Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian to Pakistan and Thailand just two months before the meeting of the 38th session of the U.N. General Assembly, the newspaper concludes, show that Washington and Beijing are busily preparing to warm up again the so-called "Afghan situation" and "the Kampuchean situation" against the Soviet Union, Vietnam, patriotic and revolutionary forces, against the trends of peace and detente.

AFP: Soviets Bomb Afghan Barracks By Mistake

BK091513 Hong Kong AFP in English 1530 GMT 9 Aug 83

[Text] Islamabad, Aug. 9 (AFP) — About 20 Afghan soldiers and more than a dozen civilians were killed on July 30 in Ghazni by bombs that Soviet helicopters dropped by mistake, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

They said the Russians bombed a barracks they mistakenly thought had fallen to rebels. The sources added that despite a widespread campaign against rebels in Ghazni, 150 kms (90 miles) southwest of Kabul, the rebels had launched a daytime raid against barracks used by both Afghan Army and police forces.

The sources said that about 10 days earlier a government military convoy mutineed on the way from Ghazni to Kabul and then were aided by rebels in fighting which left about 100 dead and wounded among fighters on both sides.

In the same region, the large of Bimibadan, about a dozen kms (seven miles) from the Kabul-Ghazni road, was attacked July 26 by Soviet planes dropping incendiary bombs in reprisal for a rebel ambush three days earlier of a Soviet-Afghan military convoy. The sources said about a third of the residents of (Bipibadan) died in the bombing.

According to a diplomatic cable from Kabul, an Afghan policeman killed five members of a military patrol on July 24 after one of the soldiers shot down a pregnant woman while he was aiming at a man fleeing the patrol.

Meanwhile, the Russians were reportedly sending about 700 trucks, tanks and armored cars to Kabul to replace vehicles lost in attacks.

SPA: Over 100 Soldiers Killed in 20 July Mutiny

LD092035 Riyadh SPA in English 1907 GMT 9 Aug 83

[Text] Islamabad, Aug 9 (SPA) — More than 100 soldiers of the 8th Division of Afghanistan's communist government army were killed in a mutiny on July 20, near Maidanshahr, south of Kabul, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

The agency said the mutiny took place among disgruntled Afghan soldiers while the column of 8th Division was passing on a highway from Kabul to Ghazni and Qandahar in the South.

It added that the division's colonel was among those killed and that nearly one half of the remaining Afghan soldiers in the division had defected and left with the mujahideen.

The sources said there was a dramatic rise in activities of the mujahideen in Maidanshahr area during the month of July.

They added that the mujahideen attacked headquarters of the 76th Infantry Regiment on July 19 and ambushed a Soviet Afghan government envoy on July 23.

A dozen communist troops were killed and nearly four dozen of them defected to the mujahideen side during the ambush, the sources said.

They added that the Soviets used incendiary bombs in the area, specially on village (Bini-Badam), near Maidanshahr on July 26, resulting in a big casualty toll.

Rebel Groups 'Crushed' in Baghlan Province

LD091713 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 9 Aug 83

[Text] Several groups of rebels — these enemies of our people's tranquillity and of progress in Afghanistan — recently were crushed in Tara Khel area in the center of Baghlan Province and the industrial part of Baghlan by sarandoy troops and the province's revolution defense groups.

A source in the Baghlan Province security force told a BAKHTAR correspondent that the leader of the rebels, Amer Rassul, and his criminal accomplices have been killed, and two rocket launchers, assorted weapons, and ammunition have been seized by the security forces.

Karmal, Keshtmand Receive Reply Messages

Poland's Jaruzelski

LD110533 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0425 GMT 11 Aug 83

[Text] Kabul, August 10, BAKHTAR — W. Jaruzelski, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party, and Henryk Jablonski, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Poland, have expressed confidence that fraternal relations between the DRA and Poland and the friendship between the two peoples would further consolidate.

The message sent in reply to an earlier telegramme of greeting by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of Revolutionary Council of the DRA, and Sultan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA, on the Polish national day, wishes ever more success for the party, government and people of the DRA in the building of a new prosperous society.

Mongolian Leader

LD110540 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0420 GMT 11 Aug 83

[Text] Kabul, August 10, BAKHTAR — Mongolian prime minister, Jabyn Batmonh, has described President Babrak Karmal's recent visit to Mongolia as an outstanding event in the history of relations between Afghanistan and Mongolia.

In a telegram sent in reply to Premier Sultan 'Ali Keshtmand's message of greetings on the 61st anniversary of Mongolian revolution Jabyn Batmonh has said that his visit has raised the friendship and cooperation between the two countries to a new level. The telegram wishes ever more successes for the fraternal people of Afghanistan in their struggle for building a new society in Afghanistan and defending the gains of revolution.

Briefs

New Airport Terminal — Kabul, August 9, BAKHTAR — The construction of a new domestic flight terminal for Kabul Airport has begun here. The new terminal which will be built in an area of 30 thousand square meters will have the capacity of handling hundred passengers an hour. The new terminal is located close to the present international terminal. With the commissioning of new terminal the number of internal flights will be increased three-fold. The terminal is being built with the technical assistance of Soviet Union. [Text][Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0421 GMT 10 Aug 83 LD]

Afghan Airlines Figures — In the 4 months since 21 March 1983, Bakhtar Afghan Airlines aircraft have transferred 19,427 passengers to various provinces, earning more than 1,884,000 afghanis. [Excerpt][Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 10 Aug 83 LD]

SRI LANKA

Spokesman: Security Situation Returned to Normal

BK101638 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] At today's news briefing in Colombo, [Secretary to the Ministry of State] Douglas Liyanage said that the security situation in the country has returned to normal. No disturbances have been reported. The number of displaced persons in the various [word indistinct] centers has now (?brought) to 33,000. Nearly 23,000 persons have been moved to Jaffna, Trincomalee, [name indistinct], and Badulla. Two army camps in Jaffna have been vacated to accomodate people who had gone back there. Normal transport services have been resumed in all parts of the country. However, train services to Jaffna and [name indistinct] have not been resumed.

Mr Liyanage said that the number of persons who have been arrested had increased. They will not [words indistinct].

Cabinet Briefed on Losses From Disturbances

BK101636 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] About 25,000 people are believed to have lost their jobs as a result of the recent disturbances, according to a memorandum submitted to the Cabinet today by the minister of labor, C.P.J. Seneviratane. The minister, who had discussions with the owners of the [word indistinct] institutions that were damaged, was able to persuade them to pay the employees their salaries for the month of July.

Briefing newsmen on today's Cabinet meeting, the minister of state, Anandatissa de Alwis, said that the survey conducted by the commissioner of labor shows that 64 industrial establishments were affected. A separate administrative district for [word indistinct] university, covering an area of 548 square miles with a population of around 90,000, is to be established. According to the minister of state, people (?near) the university area have been complaining that they were subjected to untold hardships in conducting their administrative business as they have to travel about 60 miles to Jaffna.

AFP Reports on Current Situation, Briefings

BK101018 Hong Kong AFP in English 1007 GMT 10 Aug 83

[AFP prefaces item with note: "This dispatch was subject to censorship."]

[Excerpt] Colombo, Aug 10 (AFP) — At least 350 people were killed in recent ethnic violence in Sri Lanka, the government said here today and more than 1,000 people had been arrested for their part in the riots.

State Secretary Douglas Liyanage said that 316 of the dead were civilians killed by civilians during the riots which mainly pitched majority Sinhalese against minority Tamils. But included in this figure were 20 people killed by troops in the north on July 24, the day after Tamil separatists touched off the riots by killing 13 soldiers in an ambush near the northern Tamil bastion of Jaffna. Security forces killed 34 people whom they said had been engaged in arson and looting and wounded 31 others, Mr. Liyanage said. "It is of course possible that all dead bodies might not have been counted," he said, adding that these figures were based on reports made to the police and numbers supplied by the army.

He dismissed as nonsense a report from the World Council of Churches meeting in Vancouver that 1,000 people had been killed in the northeastern port city of Trincomalee and that a northern village had been razed and all its inhabitants killed.

State Minister Anandtissa de Alwis said that, according to Labour Ministry figures, 64 industrial units and more than 1,000 shops in the Colombo district and 1,322 shops and business premises in the rest of the country had been damaged in the rioting. The damaged shops and businesses had provided jobs for nearly 23,500 people. Arrangements were being made to ensure that these people got paid for July, he said.

Meanwhile President Junius Jayawardene's brother Harry was having talks in New Delhi today with Indian leaders on the riots. Sri Lanka's Tamils originated in southern India and now make up about 20 percent of the island state's 14 million people.

Displaced persons, almost all of them Tamils, were becoming reluctant about moving to the north, Mr. Liyanage said. There were 23,000 displaced persons in camps in the capital and more than 10,000 in provincial camps. A ship with a capacity of 459 people could find only 260 passengers when it was due to leave for the north yesterday, he said. Its departure was postponed.

Rail and road transport has resumed to many parts of the country. But rail transport to northern Jaffna and Trincomalee remained halted.

Following today's Cabinet meeting, sources said that detention orders had been issued against more people following the government ban on three Marxist parties. The sources gave no figures. More than 20 people linked with the banned parties have been detained but the party's leaders are still being sought.

Photo Restrictions, Curfew Regulations Noted

BK110239 Colombo International Service in Hindi 0130 GMT 11 Aug 83

[Text] All restrictions on phototaking have been lifted. However, restriction on phototaking of troops or police movement will continue. The current curfew regulations and its time will continue until this weekened.

The secretary to the Ministry of Food and Cooperatives, (D.D. Perez), has said that thre are adequate stocks of all essential commodities to last for a month.

Emergency Law Regulation Cited

BK110249 Colombo International Service in Hindi 0130 GMT 11 Aug 83

[Text] According to a subsection of Regulation 64 of the Emergency Law, no person detained for interrogation or for any offense under any emergency regulation could be released on bail solely by a magistrate's plea. The release on bail of such people will be granted only when the magistrate's plea is accompanied by the written consent of the attorney general. The release is possible only under this condition.

Correspondent Describes Return of Tamil Refugees

BK111300 Hong Kong AFP in English 1233 GMT 11 Aug 83

[By Neville de Silva; AFP prefaces this item with note: "This dispatch was subject to censorship."]

[Text] Colombo, Aug 11 (AFP) — Sri Lankan security forces have recovered about 50 million rupees (about $2 million) worth of goods looted from homes and shops of Tamils during recent ethnic violence, police headquarters sources told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE today.

A large amount of goods which has yet to be valued was also being held at police stations, they said.

The sources said that 1,162 people have been arrested in connection with the violence.

More detention orders have been issued against people said to be directly involved in the violence, but security sources would not disclose the numbers or the names of the people involved.

Detention orders were first issued against 31 people shortly after President Junius Jayewardene banned three Marxist parties for their alleged involvement in the riots.

At least 350 people died and as many as 100,000 people were made homeless at the height of rioting at the end of last month when the majority Sinhalese turned on the Tamils after 13 soldiers were killed in an ambush by Tamil separatists near Jaffna on July 23.

The last ships carrying Tamil refugees are to leave Colombo on Saturday for the northern Tamil bastion of Jaffna, official sources told AFP.

About 1,600 people are expected to be on the two ships, one of which was sent by the Indian Government to move the homeless to the northern port city.

More than 17,750 people had been sent to Jaffna by sea by late yesterday, Harsha Wickremasinghe, additional secretary to the Trade and Shipping Ministry, said today.

About 200 people have also been sent by ship to the northeastern port city of Trincomalee, the scene of clashes between Sinhalese and Tamils in June.

There are now about 16,000 displaced persons in Colombo's relief camps and 8,000 in other districts, the commissioner-general of essential services, Bradman Weerakoon told AFP. He said that four of the 18 camps in Colombo had been closed and several more were expected to be shut down today.

Normal train services to the north were expected to resume next week, informed sources said. Trains to the Jaffna peninsula were suspended after Tamil separatists attacked a Colombo-bound train on July 1 and set fire to 10 carriages during an attack on a rail station.

Trains to the eastern town of Batticaloa and the hill station of Badulla have resumed and transported displaced persons.

About 4,000 people have also been sent by special trains to Jaffna, the commissioner-general told state television last night.

Ministry Statement Declares Support for Libyan Stand

LD102002 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Foreign Ministry statement issued "in connection with America's aggression against Libya"]

[Text] In His exalted Name. Once again, the world-devouring America has revealed its aggressive character to the world by making sinister conspiracies against Muslim nations, dispatching spy aircraft — known as AWACS — to Sudan and sending its fleet to the Libyan coastal waters, thus directly threatening that country's airpsace and waters. This action is an outstanding example of the threats made by the archsatan against the world's oppressed and militant nations, which we have always witnessed. The recent provocations made by America and France against the Libyan Jamahiriyah, carried out under the guise of so-called help to friendly countries, are a continual conspiracy against the region's progressive and revolutionary governments and an evident intervention in the affairs of the region's nations, aimed at encouraging their agents and hated tottering hirelings who continuously live in fear of the nations under their oppression.

The dispatch of the aforesaid aircraft to the region has taken place at a time when the brave combatants of Islam have achieved spectacular victories and have further weakened the shaky pillars of Saddam's Ba'thist-Zionist regime and have gravely endangered U.S. vital interests in the region.

Bearing in mind that America's so-called rapid maneuvers will also start this week and that the Muslim nations of Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, and Oman will witness the presence of American mercenaries on their soil, the importance of the conspiracy is made more clear and its plans will be put into practice to an even greater extent.

The Islamic Republic of Iran which, inspired by the lofty teachings of Islam, considers support for the independence of Islamic and progressive nations and governments as one of its duties, declares its support for the stance adopted by Libya against the U.S. conspiracies and calls on all the region's Muslim people to be wisely vigilant and to resist America's conspiracies and confidently hopes that the Islamic solidarity and unity of the oppressed nations will put an end to the oppressive domination of the superpowers in the region.

Khomeyni Meets With Guards Corps Minister 10 August

LD101447 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] Mohsen Rafiqdust, minister of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, accompanied by ministry under secretaries, was received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and commander in chief of the Armed Forces.

He reported to the imam of the nation on the work of the ministry. Afterward, Imam Khomeyni, great leader of the Islamic Revolution and commander in chief said:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Ministry is newly born. You should take care from the start to prevent the situation that prevailed in the ministries in the past, that led to the development of this one. Revamping the previously established ministries would take a long time. But this one is in your hands. You should strive to observe well Islamic aspects. It is important to avoid a situation from developing that would be harmful to the morale of the corpsmen. The most important matter in this republic, after observing Islamic aspects, is to see to it that there would not be discord between the Corps and the people or between the Corps and the military — something which does not exist today, praise be to God.

You should endeavor to see to it that political matters do not enter into the Corps, for if political thoughts entered into the Corps, its military aspects would be destroyed. You should constantly advise corpsmen to regard themselves always as a fighting servant of the people, not fighters that are not serving the people. They should treat the military like brothers. The objective is the same--the safeguarding of Islam and the country. This objective must be pursued to the end. You should behave well toward yourselves, the people, and the military. A Muslim should treat everyone with humility, believing himself to be below others.

When I think how the youngsters exert themselves at the front, I feel ashamed of sitting here doing nothing. I hope, with the situation prevailing within the Corps and the military, the problems will be resolved soon. When Saddam says that since he has achieved his objectives he is now pulling back as a peace-loving gesture, he probably means the same sort of retreat that he applied in Khorramshahr. God willing, Muslims will soon be delivered from Saddam's evil. May God make you victorious.

You should try right from the start to avoid bureacracy in your ministry. Our people should feel at home in the ministries. The people are all equal. The needy section, of course, has a greater claim on us. Even now, you don't see a single well-to-do person at the front, or very few. The bulk of those serving at the front come from the needy section. It was this very needy section that staged the revolution and succeeded. Even now, it is the same sectin that is serving. I pray for them, for their protection and for their growth. God willing, this country will not be harmed. Regard this country as your own and the deprived people as your senior brothers. The people will not be disappointed with the Corps. The Corps should remain popular. The way to achieve this is to treat people with patience. God willing, you will be successful and honorable. Peace and God's benedictions be upon you.

'Here I Am Khomeyni Plan' To Be Implemented 21 Aug

GF101902 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] Administrative and mobilized evaluation officials and personnel of the bases of District 9 in a meeting studied the plan of Labeyk Ya Khomeyni [Here We are Khomeyni]. According to the Central News Unit, at the opening session of this meeting, Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi, an official from the imam's office

visiting District 9 in connection with this plan, made a speech, and then the participants (?approved) it.

We remind you that the Labeyk Ya Khomeyni Plan will be implemented throughout our Islamic country on 21 August, and our brother combatants who had been sent to the battlefields as volunteers will report to the centers of the mobilized units of the Islamic Revolution Guards.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique 1,422

LD101816 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Communique No. 1,422 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His Exalted name. The honor and epic of the powerful combatants of Islam are brought to the attention of the beloved compatriots:

Yesterday on the Val-Fajr II operational fronts, our victorious combatants continued to exchange intense fire with Saddamist mercenaries. The devotees of Islam dominated the defensive region concerned and continued to further consolidate and strengthen it. They opened heavy artillery fire on the Iraqi forces' positions, pounding the Saddamist forces' positions, fortifications, and defense lines and inflicting considerable losses and casualties on them. They brought the Chuman Garrison in Iraq under fire, setting fire to and destroying more than 50 percent of the garrison's installations and six of the enemy's ammunition dumps.

At 0900 on 18 Mordad [9 August], the defeated Saddamist mercenaries tried to launch a counteroffensive on one of the fronts of the Val-Fajr II operational sector. However, in less than an hour, the powerful honor-makers of Islam repulsed the Iraqi forces' operations to such an extent that the attacking enemy units were forced to flee, suffering heavy casualties and losses.

On the Bakhtaran border fronts, the combatants of Islam defended their defensive positions, opening defensive fire on the enemy positions and bringing all the Saddamist forces' movements and traffic under control and silencing their artillery and heavy weapons fire.

On the Val-Fajr III operational fronts, the proud honor-makers of Islam enjoy excellent morale and combat superiority over the moribund Saddamist forces and continue their battle to destroy the aggressive Ba'thist mercenaries of Iraq. The proud honor-makers of Islam have preserved their domination over the whole region, opening heavy artillery, mortar, and other weapons fire on the fleeing Iraqi units and their positions, dealing effective blows and inflicting considerable losses and casualties on the Saddamist aggressors.

In the course of fire exchanges on 17 and 18 Mordad [8 and 9 August] on the Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts,the heroes of the Navy and the Gendarmerie returned fire on enemy positions and fortifications on the other side of the Arvand rud, killing a number of Iraqi forces and destroying more than 16 slit trenches and foxholes, 3 50-caliber machinegun trenches, and 6 Saddamist observation posts and stopping Iraqi vehicle traffic on the Al-Faw-Basra axis.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

IRNA Reports Iraqi Planes Attack Gilan-e Gharb

LD102139 Tehran IRNA in English 2017 GMT 10 Aug 83

[Text] Bakhtaran Aug. 10 IRNA — Two aggressive Iraqi planes attacked the town of Gilan-e Gharb in Bakhtaran Province, western Iran at 18:20 today. In these brutal attacks the Iraqi aircraft used bomb, including cluster ones, as well as rockets for pounding civilian areas in the town. First reports indicate that hundreds of innocent people were martyred or wounded in this inhuman act. Many residential houses and public places were also destroyed. After bombarding the town, the Iraqi planes in critical condition have been transferred to Bakhtaran.

This act of atrocity by Saddam occurs at a time when the Islamic combatants of Iran are gaining fresh victories in the battlefronts every day.

Earlier in the week, following the bright victories gained by the Iranian defenders, the head of the War Information Headquarters, Dr. Kamal Kharrazi warned that the Iraqi regime planned to attack Iranian civilians in retaliation for its defeats in the battlefronts. He asked international organisations to react against such brutal Iraqi acts which were in violation of human rights.

Latest reports from the town of Gilan-e Gharb said that at least 50 people had [words indistinct] martyred in the incident. The report said that activities were under way to pull the bodies out of the debris. It also said some 500 people have been transferred to hospitals for treatment.

Prime Minister Reports on 10 August Cabinet Session

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[Text] Tehran, Aug 10, IRNA — Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi said here today that this morning's session of the Cabinet ministers discussed in detail victories recently achieved by the Islamic combatants, latest socio-political developments in the world, and withdrawal of commanders of Qadessiya (Saddam Husayn).

Speaking to reporters after the session, presided over by President 'Ali Khamene'i, the prime minister noted that Saddam (?had) previously staged a propaganda on the re-capture of Mehran to gain a political prestige for himself and also to conceal his critical economic situation.

The Iraqi regime was badly in need of being granted loans by western countries and, therefore, would do anything, even with no consequence in the long run, to provide it with some profits in the short period of time, Prime Minister Musavi said.

Foreign minister 'Ali Akhbar Velayati presented a report to the session on his forthcoming tour to some Asian and African countries which showed expansion of Iran's relations with such states, the prime minister added.

He said that also Governor of the Central Bank Mohsen Nurbakhsh and Minister of Heavy Industries Behzad Nabavi gave reports on economic situation in the past year, showing an increase [word indistinct] domestic production this year.

Ayatollah Montazeri Meets With Officials in Qom

University Crusade,Military Industries

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[Text] Messrs Khalkhali, deputy of the people of Qom at the Islamic Consultative Assembly, and Mohammad 'Ali Feyz-Irani, representative of Grand Ayatollah Montazeri at the (Az-Zahra) University, accompanied by officials in charge of the central bureau of the university crusade and several members of the organization for military industries, met with Grand Ayatollah Montazeri in Qom yesterday. During this meeting, they held discussions with his eminence on the role played by the university crusade after the victory of the revolution to realize the aims of the cultural revolution in universities, and the crusade's problems. They also discussed what the government and other responsible authorities expect from this new revolutionary establishment.

The Central News Unit reports that while praising the university crusade for its services and role, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri graciously said: Continue with your good intentions and continue your sacred task for the sake of Almighty God and for the progress of the revolution, Do raise your problems with the government particularly your financial problems and your possibilities for scientific research and industrial projects, and never give up hope.

His eminence continued: Certainly the government is aware of your role and intelligence, which can be very effective in helping the Islamic Revolution to blossom in the industrial field and elsewhere. It is hoped that the government will provide further assistance to you.

In connection with the need to pay more attention to the organization of military industries, his eminence emphasized: Now that as a result of the imposed war and of our needs, many talented people daily submit new military designs and projects to responsible officials so as to make the military industries self-sufficient, it is the moral and Islamic duty of all to make as much use of these intelligent people as possible. They are dutybound to place the necessary means at the disposal of these talented people and our honorable responsible officials should note and make sure that these extraordinary talents are not disillusioned and crushed by harsh and nonrevolutionary treatment.

Tehran Friday Prayers Headquarters

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the members of the Tehran Friday prayers headquarters met Grand Ayatollah Mon- quarters' work and how they were attracting public service for the fronts.

Expressing appreciation for their work, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri said: The gentlemen present here should endeavor to make their work pure and solely for the satisfaction of God. As far as possible, they should endeavor to encourage competent forces serving Islam and the Islamic Revolution and to give them the opportunity for growth and to popularize Islam.

With regard to the attitude of the Friday prayers headquarters toward the people, he emphasized: The people expect many things from the Friday prayers headquarters and those who serve in any capacity in the headquarters should be entirely committed individuals, should watch their own words and deeds, and should refrain from taking excessive pride in things lest a blow should be dealt to the dignity of the Friday prayers.

According to this report, the Majlis representative of the people of (Semirom) and (Dehaqan), the Friday imam of Khark Island, and the chancellor of Tehran University met with Grand Ayatollah Montazeri in Qom yesterday regarding tasks connected with their activities.

IRNA Reports 'Mild' Explosion at French Embassy

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 10 IRNA — In a terrorist action, this afternoon a mild explosive went off in a car at the French Embassy here. No considerable damage or casualties have been reported.

According to IRNA, the car belonged to one of the embassy staffers which, prior to explosion, had been parked for lunch in one of the Tehran's streets. The car exploded after arriving at the embassy compound.

An unidentified person, in a contact with AFP here said that the Armenian group of Orly has claimed responsibility for the terrorist act.

It is to be recalled that the Egyptian interest section at the French Embassy here was slightly damaged and a number of its windows shattered following an explosion on August 7.

This is the fourth time in recent weeks that French diplomatic buildings are damaged here.

Islamic Guidance Minister Gives Friday Prayers Sermon

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[Excerpts] The speaker before this week's Friday prayer sermons in Tehran was Mohammad Khatami, minister of Islamic guidance.

Referring to imperialist and Zionist propaganda conspiratorial attempts to take the struggling nation of the Islamic world out of the political arena, including its creating obstacles for Iranian pilgrims and preventing the establishment of unity among Muslims, the speaker said:

Is Saudi Arabia entitled to prevent slogans of Muslims against America and Israel? This year, in the hajj, it should be proved that the dominating powers of the East and West are the embodiments of blasphemy and atheism and that world arrogance and the usurping Israel are the objects of Islamic slogans.

Referring to the treason by reactionary governments against the Muslim Palestinian and Lebanese nations, the minister of Islamic guidance said: The Muslim Iranian nation and Muslim pilgrims from various parts of the world who, protesting such aggression shout the slogan of "Death to Israel," possess a common feeling and have a common goal. What are the points of similarity between the Zionist regime and officials of the Saudi Government that they suppress those who protest against the usurping Israel?

Referring to the claims of the Saudi Government about the politicization of the hajj ceremonies, he said: We too say that hajj ceremonies should not be sullied by politics. Why do the reactionary rulers of Saudi Arabia sully hajj ceremonies with the satancial policies of America and of world arrogance? We say that the teachings and commands of God, and policies which are directly derived from the region of God, should govern the hajj gathering and other Muslim gatherings. The two holy shrines in Mecca are the dawning places of the announcement of the wakefulness and independence of Muslims and their expression of revulsion against the enemies of God. This is a divine duty which a Muslim cannot ignore for a moment.

However, the reactionary rulers there oppose anti-American policies. We demand that the satanic policies of America and Israel be expelled from hajj ceremonies and from the dawning place of inspiration. We believe that the slogans of "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" chanted at these ceremonies will be a means for the awakening and uprising of the oppressed nations of the Islamic world against world arrogance.

The prophet of Islam has ordered that the sura of Bara't should be read in hajj ceremonies to express their revulsion against the policy makers.

Today, those who cannot endure for a moment without dependence upon imperialism have no right to dictate the policies concerning the hajj ceremonies in holy places, for God has declared those places as places of uprising for the sake of God. The policies governing Islamic societies and the two holy shrines should be divine and ennobling policies of Islam, not policies which win America's favor.

Mr Khatami added: It is true that the plundering of Saudi Arabian oil is of great importance to America. However, what is more important is America's desire for the domination of Ka'ba — this life-giving fount for Muslims and the center for the awakening and uprising of the Muslim world — so that it can prevent such peerless gatherings being convened in that holy place. Today, Israel's basic satanic goal in dominating all Islamic nations is to occupy the Ka'ba and to deprive all Muslims from these glorious ceremonies. Therefore, confrontation against the usurping Israel should be consolidated in that holy place.

He then warned the Saudi Government which, through dependence upon America, is trying to take a position against the Islamic nation. He said: They should learn a lesson from the tragic fact of the treacherous shah and the wretched Saddam, because the Muslim Iranian nation will firmly, strongly, and uncompromisingly confront all those who wish to violate its divine rights or the rights of other Muslims. However, if the reactionary rulers turn back from this confrontation they will be dealt with in a forgiving manner.

In conclusion he said: We will do all in our power so that Iranian pilgrims are not deprived of this year's hajj ceremonies. Certainly living on street sidewalks, inside mosques or under tents would not be more difficult than living and fighting in the hot trenches on the southern fronts in summer or frozen trenches on the western fronts in winter. For 3 years, our fighters have continued their battle in these trenches to safeguard Islam's glory and grandeur. The Iranian pilgrims, fathers and mothers of these same fighters, will certainly endure difficulties for the sake of safeguarding the honor of Islam.

He added: Today, the Islamic Republic of Iran is the biggest power in the region and constitutes an immense base for the Muslim nations. To create obstacles in the path of the Muslim nation of Iran would be tantamount to fighting against and insulting the feelings of the million-strong Muslim masses. We hope the Saudi officials will come to their senses and will solve this problem and allow the Iranian officials to provide facilities and make preparations for about 100,000 of our pilgrims.

Officials Explain Status of Hajj Preparations

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 9, IRNA — Two officials from hajj tablighat [publicity] bureau told IRNA her today that following the recent remarks of Imam Khomeyni on the issue of hajj and continuous efforts of the officials in charge of hajj, [words indistinct] for half of the Iranian pilgrims in Mecca and Medina have been arranged.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Ghayuri and Iravani further added that the Saudi Government has provided entry visa facilities to the representative of the organisation, therefore, it is hoped that until the pilgrimage time, housing arrangement for the rest of the pilgrims would be made.

However, he added, despite the continuous efforts of the Iranian officials, and because of problems created for the Iranian hajj pilgrims, in this year's ceremony they may experience some difficulties. He further added that if the Iranian hajj pilgrims were to spend nights at mosques or in the tents, it would be unpleasant for the Saudis and pilgrims from other countries would be irritated by such behaviour.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Ghayuri who also headed the Iranian delegation to the recently concluded international seminar on hajj held in Sierra Leone, said that the participants in the seminar condemned the Iraqi crimes against the people of Iran. He further said that people of Africa has [as received] a great respect for the imam and the Islamic revolution of Iran.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Ghayuri also announced that in a bid to coordinate issues related to the firthcoming hajj ceremony, a one-week seminar will open in Tehran next Sunday and will be attended by some 900 ulema and heads of hajj groups.

Saudi Embassy Issues Visas

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[Text] The Saudi Arabian Embassy in Tehran has announced that it has issued over 40,000 visas to date for the Iranian pilgrims to visit the house of God and will continue to issue more visas for all the Iranian pilgrims for the house of God.

Reportage on DPRK Delegation's Visit

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 6 IRNA — Kim Hyong-u,the political deputy of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Friday visited war stricken areas of Dezful city, Khuzestan Province. While warmly welcomed by the inhabitants of the city, the Korean delegation visited several residential areas destructed by long-range Iraqi missiles.

An old man whose nine children were martyred as a result of savage Iraqi missile attacks urged the visiting guests that the world should be informed of such crimes.

The DPRK officials visited cemetery where martyrs were buried. They were deeply impressed when they saw the graves of 19 members of a single family and said that U.S. imperialism did the same crimes in Korea. He added the martyrs' blood would further strengthen the Islamic revolution and the Islamic combatants would be the victorious.

The DPRK delegation arrived here on Tuesday.

Further on Khuzestan Tour

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[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, Mr Kim Hyong-u, political under secretary of the Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, arrived in Dezful yesterday afternoon. He visited Dezful at the head of a delegation to see destroyed residential areas. These areas were destroyed by the mercenaries of Saddam during the war.

The Korean visitor and his colleagues saw the places which were hit by the missiles of the Saddamist Zionists. He also met families and relations of the martyrs and talked with them. Then he visited the cemetery of the martyrs located in (Sangabad) in Dezful.

The report adds that after this visit, he went to Ahvaz this morning to inspect the crimes of Saddam and the victories of the Islamic armies. He later left Ahvaz for the warfronts and other destroyed areas. Mr Kim Hyong-u and his delegation inspected the damaged tanks and personnel carriers in the operational areas where the enemy had suffered defeats and held talks with combatants of the fronts of right over wrong. The Korean visitor was greatly impressed by the victories of fighters of Islam and said that we are sure that you will be victorious over American plots and the aggression of the Saddam regime and that you will soon repair the damage done to the areas destroyed because you are in the right and right is always victorious.

Mr Kim Hyong-u then went to the governor's office at Abadan where the governor of Abadan in a short speech gave an account of the attack by the Ba'thist mercenaries on Abadan and seige and the losses suffered in the residential areas. The governor asked the delegation to carry the story of the people of this city about how they resisted against the attacks of foreigners and did not let this town fall to the Ba'thists and bring it to the attention of the great people of Korea and the world. He said that a number of hospitals, schools, and kindergartens were destroyed.

In reply, the North Korean official said: Imperialist America forced the Iraqi regime to attack this country in order to destroy the Islamic Revolution. Not only have the attacks by the stooges of America not destroyed the Islamic Revolution but this Islamic Revolution under the leadership of Imam Khomeyni has strongly threatened the U.S. interests. Mr Kim Hyong-u referred to the campaign of the North Korean people against the United States and said that the United States imposed war on the people of Korea so that it could destroy the gains of the revolution by the people of Korea. The people of Korea, therefore, under the leadership of Kim Il-song, decided to sacrifice everything at the altar of victory in war and the victory of the people of Korea was the first defeat that the United States suffered in the region.

The Korean guest then visited the residential areas of Abadan shelled by the Ba'thist mercenaries. Later the delegation went to Khorramshahr and inspected the damage done to the residential areas, department buildings, and other places. The delegation left Ahvaz this morning for Tehran.

Meeting With Khamene'i

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[Text] Kim Hyong-u, DPRK Foreign Ministry political under secretary, met with President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i today

before leaving Tehran and presented him with a written message from Kim Il-song.

During this meeting, at which the deputy foreign minister, the ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the DPRK, and the DPRK ambassador in Tehran were also present, the DPRK Foreign Ministry political under secretary referred to his visit to Iran and tour of the battlefronts, saying: These victories and successes are of great importance. They have been achieved as a result of a struggle and campaign against imperialist conspiracies. Everyone knows that the Islamic Republic of Iran as a nonaligned country with a policy of neither East not West is active on the world scene.

In reply, Khamene'i stressed the friendship and ties with the countries which have understood the magnitude of the struggle against world arrogance, saying: Today one must not underestimate the big world powers' expansionist move — a move that can easily be detected in their political, economic, military, and propaganda efforts. In all those spheres, we have prepared ourselves for a decisive encounter with America and we can give those countries which have had encounters with America this assurance: that we have been able to deal crushing blows to America in all spheres. This campaign will result in retreat by the devilish forces, but only if it is pursued continuously and indefatigably.

Concluding his remarks, Khamene'i said: We and you and all those countries which are the subject of America's policy of conspiracy must believe that as long as we have not forced the enemy into a complete retreat we will have no peace, and that we will have complete success in pursuing our programs and aims only after conquering the dominating aggressor. So the Government and nation of the Islamic Republic of Iran are determined to continue their struggle and campaign against the world dominating powers, against the great satan, America, until the final victory of the justice-seeking forces of the oppressed.

According to this report, toward the end of this meeting, the DPRK Foreign Ministry political under secretary conveyed to Khamene'i Kim Il-song's official invitation to visit the DPRK.

6 August Departure

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[Text] Tehran, Aug. 7 IRNA — Kim Hyong-u, the political deputy of the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), concluded his 5-day tour of Iran and left Tehran Sunday morning.

He was seen [off] at Mehrabad airport by his Iranian counterpart Hussein Sheykh ol-Eslam.

Prior to his departure Kim talking to IRNA said his visit to Iran was very fruitful. Referring to his meeting with President 'Ali Khamene'i, he said that Iranian president expressed desire for further expansion of Irano-DPRK ties in political, economic and cultural fields. He said he would convey friendly and fraternal message of Iranian nation to Korean nation.

Sheykh ol-Eslam also speaking to IRNA said that Kim's visit to Iran was very successful, adding that these visits played important role in strengthening two countries' relations. He said that Irano-DPRK ties enjoyed a significant aspect because of their struggles against imperialism and that both countries are members of the Non-aligned Movement.

NVOI Says Revolution Guards Corps Enlisting Afghans

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[Unattributed commentary: "Counterrevolutionary Afghans Instead of Revolutionary Guards"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: For some time now, the wave of resignation and retirement from the Guards Corps has been expanding and intensifying among members of the Corps, so much so that a while ago leaders of the Islamic Government declared the resignation of guards from the Corps to be an antigovernment act and bordering on a plot. They called those who were resigning offenders and threatened to bring them to trial and to punish them.

Some time ago, officials of the Islamic Republic embarked on granting special identity cards to Afghans residing in Iran and announced that only those who have this kind of identity card will be recognized as an Islamic mojahed or as a political refugee.

Apparently there is no connection between these two developments, but subsequent events have shown that these two developments are links of a single chain. According to a decision by the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Afghans who hold such identity cards do not have the right to work in Iran but they can either become members of so-called Afghan mojahedin groups and go to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to engage in subversion and in killing their compatriots or be employed in the service of the Islamic Government and participate in crushing Iran's revolutionary forces.

The main reason for this is that revolutionary and patriotic youths in the Guards Corps gradually are realizing that the rightists ruling over the Islamic Republic of Iran are following the path of treachery contrary to the popular and anti-imperialist goals of the revolution and that by killing the true revolutionary forces — whether Tudeh, mojahed, Feda'i, or religious — they are striving to revive the sinister and overthrown system of Mohammad Reza in the disguise of religion.

The majority of the revolution guards are from the toiling strata and are pure, noble, and self-sacrificing human beings. It is particularly among this group that dissatisfaction with the treacherous and insidious policy of the Islamic Government's pseudoclergy and rightists is increasing daily. Many of them are no longer ready to blindly become an instrument in the hands of the elements of their class foes and of the godless pseudoclergy and engage in persecuting, torturing, and killing their brothers in the name of satanic Islam.

The agents of imperialism and the rightists and pseudoclergy in the Islamic Government have resorted to threats in the face of protests by the realistic revolution guards and so far have executed scores of the best and most faithful guards. Now, since they are observing that discontent among the guards is increasing daily, they are thinking of setting up strike groups from among counterrevolutionary Afghans residing in Iran to crush progressive and revolutionary parties and organizations and to kill and murder true patriots and genuine revolutionaries. At present ,the formation of these groups has begun in Khorasan, Sistan va Baluchestan, and other areas.

The formation of strike groups from among counterrevolutionary Afghans demonstrates to what extent the Islamic Government's rightists and the capitulated pseudojurisconsults have lost the support of Iran's toiling masses. Of course, those who have betrayed the revolution and the oppressed can, with the aid of Afghan counterrevolutionaries, kill and eliminate a number of genuine revolutionaries and patriots and even guards who believe in the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist goals. but by these criminal acts they arouse the million-strong toiling masses even further against them and bring closer their own certain death and destruction.

Free Voice of Iran Cites Opposition Communique on War

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[Text] The National Resistance Council issued a communique saying that although conditions are favorable for establishing a respectable peace between Iran and Iraq, the Iranian regime continues the war.

In the communique, it is said, that despite the severeopposition of the people of Iran, the regime continues its war-mongering policy. The National Resistance Council considers Ayatollah Khomeyni's request on Monday to the youths to go to the fronts an indication of the fact that Ayatollah Khomeyni has reached a complete impasse vis-a-vis the war and his helplessness in mobilizing for the war.

In this communique, the people of Iran, in general, and the youths, in particular, are requested to render the regime's program to mobilize the youths for the frontlines impotent by resisting the enforced dispatching to the fronts. The resistance council also urged the Armed Forces to foil the militaristic policy of Ayatollah Khomeyni.